



Academic Year 2014-2015

Vaccine Requirements for College or Post-Secondary Students

Vermont's immunization law requires that students enrolled in certain post-secondary schools must be immunized.

Students must submit immunization records if:

- Born after 1956 and enrolled more than half time as an undergraduate (unless instruction solely involves research, field work, or study away from the school).
- Born after 1956 and are enrolling in a health science program either part-time or full-time.
- Attending school, either part-time or full-time, while on a student or other visa.

Those students must provide documentation of the following vaccinations:

- 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine or one dose of Td (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccine within the past ten years (Tdap preferred)
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine or documentation of disease
- 1 or 2 doses of meningococcal vaccine (required only for first year students living in dormitories who are not older than age 21). If vaccinated before the 16th birthday, a second dose is needed before college entry

For students who have had chickenpox disease, vaccine is not needed. However, a Health Department form, signed statement, or Immunization Registry document noting history of disease must be submitted in place of vaccination dates. This form is available at the Health Department website:

http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/IZ_varicelladocumentation_020808.pdf

An exemption for one or more immunizations based on medical, religious, or philosophic reasons can be obtained. An exemption form must be completed and submitted in lieu of vaccination records to the student health center. This form is available at the Health Department's website:

http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Post_secondary_Immunization_Exemption_Form_2013.pdf

Upon matriculation an official immunization record must be presented to the student health center. Students can obtain these records from primary care provider's offices, previously attended schools, or State Immunization Registries. Failure to submit necessary documentation may impede registration for classes.